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BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Newspaper.
SAN MARCOS FREE PRESS, I. H. JULIAN, Editor, Publisher and Proprietor, office east side Main Plaza, nearly opposite the Court House.

Bankers.
MITCHELL & GLOVER, Mitchell's Building.

Dry Goods and Groceries.
ED. T. MALONE, east side Plaza.
W. DONALDSON, North side Main Plaza.

Meat Market.
TOWNSEND & THOMAS, north side Plaza.

Butcher.
P. DAILEY & BROS., West side of the Main Plaza.

Wagon and Carriage Maker.
W. M. GLASSEN, South side of the Main Plaza.

Blacksmith.
J. H. EASTHAM, East side Plaza.

Physicians.
DRS. WOODS & BLAKEMORE, office in Woods and Daniel's Drug Store.
DR. DRAYTON & PENDLETON, office College Street, nearly opposite Hutchison & Co.'s store.

Dentist.
DR. J. H. COMBS, office North side of the Main Plaza.

Lawyers.
HUTCHISON & FRANKLIN, in the Court-house.
S. R. MCBRIDE, office in the Court House.
STERLING FISHER, office North side Plaza.
BROWN & MANLOVE, office in Court House.

Land Agent and Notary Public.
I. H. JULIAN, office Plaza Building, east side Plaza, nearly opposite the Court House.

Hotels.
WOOTTON HOTEL, on the Austin road, one block East of Public Square.
HOPKINS HOTEL, S. E. Cor. Plaza.
MAYNARD HOUSE, west side Plaza.

Bakery and Confectionary.
FRY & LANGE, South side Plaza.

Millinery Store.
D. HOPKINS, south side Plaza.

Wagon and Carriage Maker.
C. H. KAU & BROS., at Thompson's Blacksmith Shop.

Stores and Hardware.
J. H. EASTHAM, East side Plaza.

Blacksmith.
P. THOMPSON, S. E. Cor. Austin & Mountain sts.

Carpenters and Builders.
J. C. ROBERTS, residence near the Institute.

Livery and Stage Station.
B. L. B. & SONS, East side Plaza.

Cabinet-Makers.
J. WARD, East side Plaza.

Watchmaker and Jeweler.
W. H. BERRY, East side Plaza.

Business Directory—Continued.

Merchant Tailor.
R. DUGGIE, over Donaldson's store.

Meat Market.
TOWNSEND & THOMAS, north side Plaza.

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

OFFICIAL.

REPRESENTATIVE—34TH DISTRICT:
Hon. L. J. Storey, of Caldwell Co.

REPRESENTATIVE—34TH DISTRICT:
Hon. J. M. Holmes, of Guadalupe Co.
Hon. W. F. Delany

DISTRICT COURT—15TH DISTRICT:
Hon. L. W. Moore, Presiding Judge, LaGrange.

COUNTY OFFICERS:
Ed. R. Kane, Judge County Court.
B. G. Hardin, District Clerk.

County Court for Civil and Probate Business—1st Monday in February, April, June, August, October and December.

Commissioners' Court—2d Mondays in February, May, August and November.

Justice Court Precinct No. 1—1st Friday in each month, San Marcos.

Precinct No. 2—3d Friday in each month Mt. City.

Precinct No. 3—4th " " Wimberley's Mill.

Precinct No. 4—4th " " Dripping Springs.

TOWN OFFICERS:
Mayor—H. B. Coffield.

Council—W. O. Hutchison, T. R. Fourqurean, L. W. Mitchell, D. P. Hopkins, P. R. Turner.

Marshal—A. J. Tolson.

CHURCHES.
METHODIST.—Preaching at the Methodist Church every Sabbath. Rev. J. S. Gillett, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN.—Preaching at the Christian Church on the second and fourth Sabbaths in each month by Elder J. J. Williamson.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Preaching at the Presbyterian Church on the second and fourth Sabbaths in each month by the Rev. W. L. Kennedy.

EPISCOPAL.—Services every Sunday in each month at 10:15 o'clock, A. M., and 7 P. M., at St. Mark's Church.

BAPTIST.—Preaching at the Christian Church on the third Sunday in each month, by Elder M. Burroughs.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.—Preaching in the Presbyterian Church on the first Sunday in each month, by Rev. P. E. Lawler.

MAILS.
Austin Stage arrives at 12 o'clock M.; San Antonio Stage arrives at 12 o'clock M. Both Daily arrivals. Mails close at 11 A. M.; Gonzales arrives Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 P. M.; leaves at 8 A. M. next morning.

A. VON STEIN, P. M.

ISAAC H. JULIAN,
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Land and General Agent,
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

Letters of inquiry, accompanied by stamp for reply, will receive prompt attention.

PRESCRIPTION FREE!
For Cures of Scurvy, Loss of Strength, Loss of Appetite, and all disorders brought on by indigestion or excess. Any Druggist has the ingredients. Address, Dr. W. F. BERRY & CO., 130 West Sixth Street, Cincinnati, O.

SLEDGE, R. J.
RANCHO PECAN SPRINGS,
Hays Co., eight miles Northeast of San Marcos, five miles East of Mountain City.

CAULLE BRAND
Horse Brand.
S on left jaw of all young stock.

Mission Valley Nurseries
AT MISSION VALLEY, VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS.

G. ONDERDONK, Prop'r.

We have studied closely the various questions relating to fruit culture in Western Texas during the twenty-seven years of experience and observation, upon our own ground. We have thus enabled ourselves to present to the public a list of fruits better adapted to our climate than can be offered by any other establishment.

Our pears cannot be excelled anywhere. Any one who has a good clay sub-soil and good drainage need not hunt a better pear country than this. Our plums and grapes are of the only classes that have been found successful here.

Our acclimated list of peaches is graded, with a single exception, from new varieties originated from seed in Western Texas. We do not claim that our peaches are better than every other, but we do claim that our trees are proved as hardy and productive as any scrub seedlings, while the qualities are not inferior to the old lines.

We propose to introduce our fruit into the San Marcos neighborhood. Wherever you can raise scrub seedlings our trees will do equally well. This question of scrub seedlings, productivity and quality is our leading feature.

We can supply a good assortment of ornamental trees and plants.

Everybody is invited to come and see our orchards, vineyards, nurseries and ornamental grounds.

Our new abridged catalogue furnished free on application. We refer to Rev. John Gillett of San Marcos, for evidence of our reliability. We have no traveling salesmen. R. W. Branding is our resident agent at San Marcos. For further information apply to G. ONDERDONK, Mission Valley, Victoria Co., Texas.

Thus The Years Go By.

A tear, a smile,
From joy awhile
To turn away and sigh;
To suffer loss,
To bear the cross—
'Tis thus the years go by.

Advance, retreat,
Success, defeat;
To hide from human eye
Our wounds and pain
Till cured again—
'Tis thus the years go by.

Long hours of strife,
And bitter life;
Then, hid from smile and sigh,
Unbroken calm,
Balm laid to palm—
'Tis thus the years go by.

—B. E. WELLS, in N. Y. Tribune.

From Bear Creek—A Digression.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—I have been acquainted with the town of San Marcos for many years; even from its infancy. Always on entering it I have been struck with its beauty and picturesque appearance, and the romantic scenery with which it is surrounded. The mountains rising on the north and west, dotted here and there with mounds of cedar and other evergreens; the large and fertile bottom on the east, and the clear, sparkling river running at its base; the river and lands rolling away to the south, giving it a beautiful, desirable and healthy appearance. And owing to those natural beauties, and its natural healthful appearance I have often thought that I would like to live there.

But during a recent visit to the naturally beautiful town of San Marcos I was compelled to change my opinion on one main point which you will see in the sequel. At the time of the visit alluded to I staid over night—put up at a hotel—slept very well until about first chicken crowing, I arose and read the news until the dawning of day, at which time I concluded to take a stroll for exercise, and to contrast the present improvements and appearance of the place with the earlier days of my acquaintance with it; at which time the roads through the bottom bed and wound about according to the position of the trees and thinness of the undergrowth. There were then no mills on the river—no irrigated gardens—no court house—no churches—no Institute—no printing office, nor other improvements of value. Well, during my stroll I concluded to walk round the plaza, and on doing so just before me a door opened and a man appeared with a bloom in his hand, and just above the door was a sign with these letters (large and plain) "St. Louis Lager Beer, 5 Cents a Glass." I halted, thought for a moment, and concluded—as there was probably no one to see me—that I would step in and take a glass as a renovator. When the following dialogue took place: Said I, "have you real St. Louis lager beer here?" He said, "yes." "Well," said I, "I will take a glass." Said he, "I can't sell without you have a prescription from a physician." Said I, "what means your sign?" Said he, "local option prevails here, and that is for those who have prescriptions." "Well," said I, "it will not pay me to go and hunt up a doctor and pay for a prescription all for a 5 cent glass of beer, and I'm not sick anyway, I'll pass on." Said he, "a prescription will not cost you anything. Ah! said I, "do doctors work so cheap as that here?" He rather confusedly smiled and said, "yes." "Well," said I, "I don't think it will pay, so I'll pass on." Said he, "wait a few minutes and there will be several in who have prescriptions." Said I, "have a good many persons got prescriptions?" "Yes," he said, "every man, or nearly every man in San Marcos has prescriptions." Said I, "is all San Marcos sick?" He again looked a little confused, and said, "I believe so, pretty much." Said I, "are the women and children also all sick?" He said (looking about as before) "I guess so, some of them, there is a good deal of medicine carried away by the jug and bottle." Said I, "are all those prescriptions unlimited?" He said, "they were." Said I, "is it possible that all San Marcos is affected with chronic diseases?" He said, "I reckon so." "Well," said I, "I'll pass on," and I did so, but soon halted a few moments, and saw several persons (invalids, I supposed) come and enter the room.

I passed on, and soliloquized thus: "Is it possible that all San Marcos is diseased and slowly dying of some chronic ailment, and the news so closely quarantined that the public generally knows nothing about it, and that the Free Press makes no mention of it? or is it a scientific and legal evasion of the letter and spirit of the law, and to satisfy an insatiable desire for the great destroyer of mankind?" I was forced to the latter conclusion.

Report was made in the legislature unfavorably on petition asking discontinuance of the criminal district court of Harris county. Bill was introduced to insure payment to sheriffs and other officers amounts paid by them for advertising legal sales; one member while the proposition was under discussion, displayed his knowledge of the question by opposing publication of legal advertising in newspapers, favoring circulars instead. Bill was in

Legislative Proceedings.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4.

Bills were introduced regulating juries and fixing their pay at \$2 per day; to pay state warrants regardless of date or number; to provide against holding possession of lands under forged titles; to compel railroad trains to stop half an hour at the state line; to regulate assessment of taxes on lands so as to reach every acre in the state; to set apart Texas and Pacific railroad land reservation for educational purposes; making it penal for a doctor to prescribe liquor in order to evade local option law; appropriating \$5,500 to purchase stereotype plates of land abstracts; and amending act for consolidation of counties and cities, requiring vote of two-thirds in favor of the change to make it legal.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5.

In the legislature both branches were busy considering reports of committees, and disposing of routine business. Reports were submitted to compel holders of mortgages to give notice when the same were removed; to compel the supreme court to take early action in contested election cases; making it more difficult to obtain continuances in courts, and giving judges discretion, etc. Bills were called up covering innumerable points that were noted when they were introduced, and a few new ones introduced, among them one inquiring whether the journals of the tenth legislature should be printed, and at what cost. Bill introduced in the house constituting the governor, comptroller and attorney general a board, and authorizing them to contract with the lessees of the penitentiary, for construction of walls and buildings necessary to complete the east Texas penitentiary, provoked a long debate, but was finally passed. Bill granting extension of time for completion of first eighty miles of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad passed.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6.

Different committees made sundry reports in the legislature, and a fair number of bills and resolutions were under consideration, among them to make it a felony for tenant to sell property upon which landlord has a lien; to provide for preservation of fish; to repeal law of 1874 for frontier protection. Unfavorable report was made on bill authorizing purchase of stereotype plates of land abstracts, and to authorize the printing of journals of the tenth legislature. Lengthy discussion occurred when the smoke house tax was brought up, but the end has not been reached yet.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7.

Was a busy day in the legislature, though most of the business was consideration of reports of committees and bills taken from the speaker's table. Report was made in favor of paying warrants without regard to date or numbers; unfavorably on joint resolution to make fees of county officers same as under law of 1876. Resolution requiring committee that had the investigating management of the asylums to report at once, caused considerable debate. Bill allowing sale by county of Galveston of her stock in Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway passed the senate. Favorable report was made on bill authorizing issue of warrants and treasury notes, to be receivable for taxes and government dues, and making them redeemable in four percent bonds. Long discussion followed calling up bill making payment of poll-tax necessary before voting. Bill was reported by the majority of committees favorably to purchase of the Alamo, for which the Bishop is willing to accept three hundred and fifty half sections of land from the public domain. A good deal of routine business was also acted on.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8.

The legislature passed bill perfecting title of Galveston in Pelican island. The committee that visited Bryan and examined into working of the agricultural and mechanical college reported favorably on that institution and recommended appropriation in its behalf. The same committee recommended the establishment of a normal school for colored people in place of the college near Hempstead. The greater part of the day was consumed discussing pension bill, and the regulation of compensation of assessors and collectors of taxes.

MONDAY, MARCH 10.

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roduced to make channel across Corpus Christi bay, and to donate lands in aid of the project. Bill regulating transfer of warehouse receipts was referred to judiciary committee for report on legal points involved. Motions to adjourn at dates suggested were tabled. Bills were passed to appoint inspectors of sheep when demanded by owners of flocks; regulating assignments; and authorizing issuance of bonds by towns and counties for funding, at lower rate of interest, outstanding indebtedness.

What the Ciphers Prove.

The entire democratic party has been placed under a debt of gratitude to the New York Tribune for publishing the cipher dispatches. This publication led to their investigation, and the investigation, has established these facts that it will do to remember:

The Western Union Telegraph company collected all the political dispatches on both sides and delivered them to Morton and his agents chief among whom was Bullock whom Mr. Hayes has made a consul, called over these dispatches, destroyed their own, and made public those of the democrats.

The republican national committee used Indian agencies and money for corrupt purposes in Indiana.

The electoral votes of Florida, South Carolina and Louisiana were in the market. Two of Tilden's supporters knew of this and were not averse to negotiating for their purchase, but Tilden condemned and repudiated it as soon as he knew of it.

No votes were purchased for Tilden even if attempted.

These votes were secured for the republicans.

All those who procured their sale to the republicans have been provided by Hayes with office or reward of some kind, from Sherman and Kason down to all the members of the returning boards.

The people of the United States are now paying over \$200,000 per year in the way of salaries, &c., to these men for stealing the presidency from Tilden and giving it to Hayes.

Having destroyed the written evidence of fraud and rewarded the guilty parties, the republicans now with virtuous indignation hold up the cipher dispatches to prove that Tilden is base because he failed to do what they succeeded in doing.

The Coming Cattle Drive.

A writer in the Drovers' Journal estimates the number of Texas cattle in northwest Texas to go to market this year as 100,000, and in the Indian Territory, 18,950. Mr. A. H. Johnson, live stock agent for the A. T. & S. F. road, estimates it as follows:

John Lytle & Co., 13,000; G. W. Litchfield, 12,000; Seth Mabry, 10,000; D. E. Fant, 7,000; Moore & Allen, 8,000; Millet & West, 4,000; J. F. Ellison, 6,000; Houston Bros., 3,000; Ellison & Co., 6,000; Joe Bennett, 2,000; Robt. McMorris, 2,500; M. A. Withers, 2,000;—Wolfin, 4,000; Johnson Bros., 2,000; Snyder Bros., 5,000; Dowling Bros., 2,000; Shang Pierce, 5,000; Sprad Corathers, 4,000; Ward Bros., 2,000; Tyner & Polley, 1,300; Wolford & Rang, 2,500; Pettis & Lott, 3,000; T. Ward, 2,500; John Champ, 2,000; J. M. Burris, 2,000; V. Oden, 2,000; W. G. Butler, 4,000; Bates & Eekers, 1,200; Capt. Kenado, 5,000; H. H. Healy, 1,500; Capt. King, 5,000; Half Bros., 3,000; Bishop & Head, 3,000; W. H. Day, 2,000; Mitchell & Pressnell, 3,000; J. M. Day, 2,500; Shiner Bros., 5,000; Smith & Salvage, 5,000; Woodward & Oea, 4,000; James Hickey, 2,000; R. McAllen, 2,000; W. Birchfield, 2,000; John Blocker, 5,000; John W. Gamel, 5,000; Joe Croch & Bro., 4,000. Total 179,000.

The Lee Family.

Gen. George Washington Park Curtis Lee, who is at last to get his rights in the Arlington case, is about forty-five years old, tall handsome and remarkably like his father, R. E. Lee. He is president of Washington and Lee university, at Lexington, Virginia, where he lives with his two sisters, Misses Mary and Mildred Lee, in the house where their father, mother, and sister died. He is an old bachelor and very shy of the gentler sex. He graduated at West Point, and like his father came out of the four years course without a single demerit. Miss Mary Lee was a few days ago entertained by Lord and Lady Napier at Gibraltar and a few weeks before was within the Russian lines in Turkey.

Marshall Herdell: The State is in debt, and that debt is increasing year after year. The people are oppressed with taxes, and they see no prospect of their being lessened. What does common sense point out as the remedy? Certainly to lessen the number of officers and the courts, to reduce salaries where they can be reduced, and to put an end to the endless system of litigation, civil and criminal with which the State is cursed.